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Betty T. Yee Responds to Amazon.com Referendum Filing

Betty T. Yee, First District Member of the Board of Equalization (BOE), issued the following statement today in response to Amazon.com's action filing a referendum petition against California's new law expanding "nexus" jurisdiction to out-of-state retailers making sales in California:

"It is in every Californian's interest for online and store front businesses to play by the same rules," Yee said. "I strongly doubt Californians will support a loophole promoting out-of-state jobs, when holding Amazon.com accountable to the same rules as everyone else protects California's economy."

Board Member Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California's coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay Area.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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